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PATENT APPLICATION

REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action on the merits dated April 11, 2005. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing 5 amendments and the following remarks.

By the foregoing amendment, claims 7 and 10-13 have been canceled and claims 6 and 8 have been amended. Therefore, claims 6, 8-9, and 16-19 remain in this application with claims 6 and 17 being independent.

10 IN THE CLAIMS:

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejections:

Claims 6, 9 and 11-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,665,894 to Moffa in view of U.S. Pat. No. 2,981,959 to Burnham. Further, 15 claim 10 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Pat. No. 6,742,201 to Porcheron in view of U.S. Pat. No. 2,981,959 to Burnham. However, the examiner has indicated that claims 7-8 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base 20 claim and any intervening claims. Without admitting the propriety of these rejections, claim 6 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 7 and claim 7 has been canceled. Therefore, claim 6 should now be in condition for allowance along with claims 8 and 9 which

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depend therefrom and such is respectfully requested. Without admitting the propriety of the present rejections, claims 10-13 have been canceled

Special Status

5 The examiner is reminded that this application has been "made special" as the applicant is elderly and in poor health and expedited handling in moving this application to Allowance is respectfully requested.

This application should now be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully requested. If the examiner has any suggestions that would place this application in even better condition for allowance, he is invited to contact the applicant's representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully Submitted,


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